

UAE Free Zone Hidden Cost Checklist 2026

A practical checklist of fees that are often missing from headline UAE free zone license offers.

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Hidden-cost items

Item	Why it appears	Ask before payment
Establishment card	Visa eligibility and immigration file	Is it included?
Medical test	Required for UAE residence visa	Which typing center and amount?
Emirates ID	Required after visa process	Is biometrics included?
Health insurance	Mandatory in many cases	Is the quote annual?
Activity amendment	Changing activity wording later	What is the amendment fee?
Shareholder amendment	Adding/removing owner	What documents and cost?
Cancellation/liquidation	Closing the company	What is the final cost?

Red flags

Red flag	Response
Only license fee shown	Request all mandatory charges
Renewal not shown	Ask for renewal before paying
Banking guaranteed	Ask for KYC requirements instead
Visa cost omitted	Ask for visa, medical, ID and insurance

Next step

Use the relevant calculator, finder or quote form on [UAEFreezoneCompare.com](https://uaefreezonecompare.com) to request a current verified quote for your activity, visa count, office requirement and shareholder structure.